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# Chouteau County Public Library

## BTOP Public Computing Center Goals and Objectives

Montana's project promotes three BTOP statutory purposes:

- 1) provide improved access to broadband service to consumers residing in underserved areas of the country;
- 2) provide broadband education, awareness, training, access, equipment, and support to libraries; and,
- 3) stimulate the demand for broadband, economic growth, and job creation.

### Objectives

- 1) increase broadband speeds at participating libraries up to 21 mbps;
- 2) cut wait times in half by increasing the total number of workstations and expanding library operation hours;
- 3) improve access by purchasing ADA compliant software, hardware, and furniture, and through minor renovation projects aimed at increasing accessibility of computing center facilities;
- 4) offer courses to increase computer literacy; and
- 5) provide Internet and library resources to rural Montana using a mobile computer lab.

## Successes

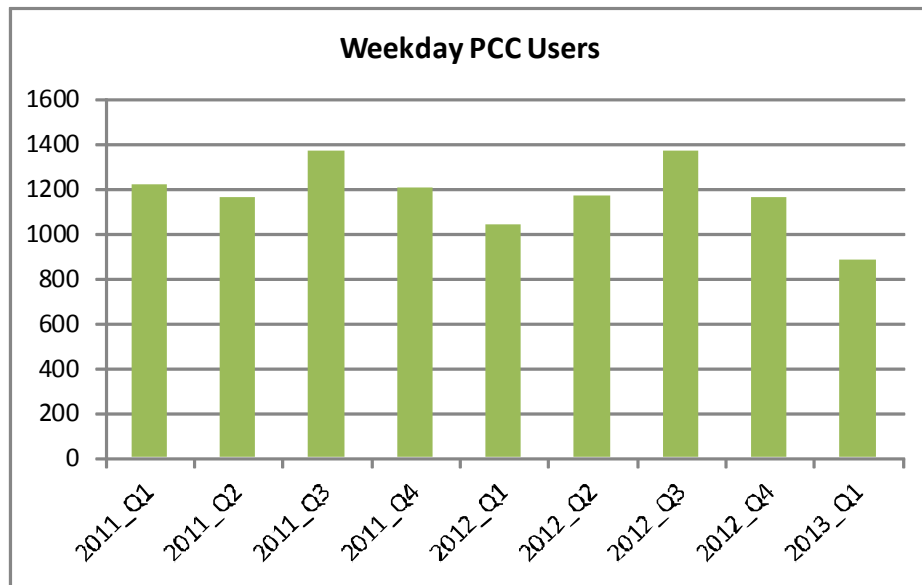
| Internet Service Provider | Original Broadband Speed | Current Speed (mbps) |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
| 3 Rivers                  | 3.00                     | 8.00                 |

## Chouteau County Public Library Computing Center Now Offers...

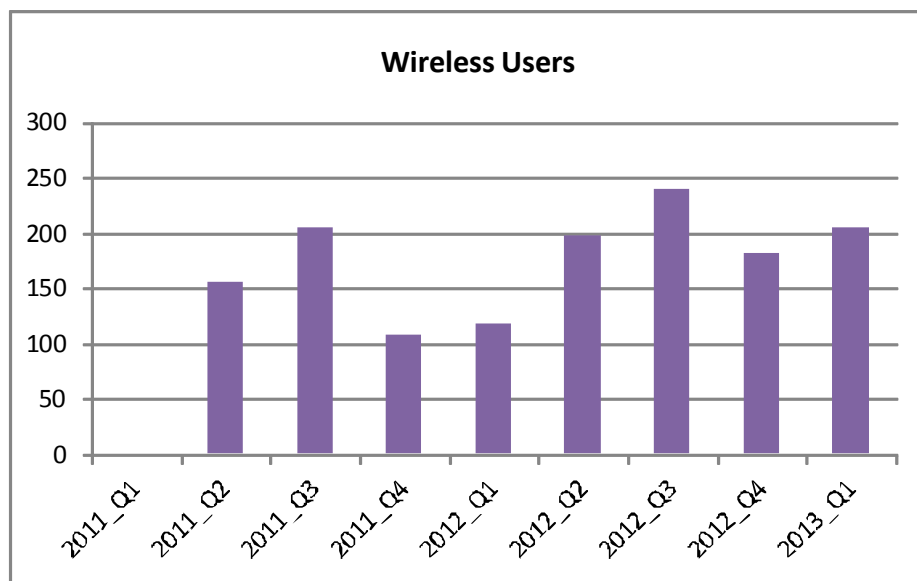
- ◆ 1 desktop computer
- ◆ 1 children's computer
- ◆ 2 laptop computers
- ◆ ZoomText 10 low vision software
- ◆ ZoomText Camera with stand
- ◆ 1 low dexterity mouse
- ◆ 1 low vision keyboard
- ◆ 2 privacy screens
- ◆ 7 headphone sets
- ◆ 2 LaserJet printers
- ◆ iPad
- ◆ Kindle Keyboard
- ◆ Kindle Fire
- ◆ Nook Tablet
- ◆ Samsung Galaxy Tab
- ◆ Google Nexus
- ◆ Coby Snapp digital video camera

- ◇ Library Staff gives a pen and a magnet to every new patron that features the library's phone number. Pencils are available with library name and phone number. Director and staff put news, new books, fundraisers and projects in articles in the local news.
- ◇ We held a BTOP computer open house to show off the 2 laptops we have available for patron use and the assistive devices we received through BTOP. We handed out 10 jump drives as well.
- ◇ The TPZ trainings were well received. Everyone said they learned something new and that their brains were full at the end of training.

## Public Computer Center Usage



## Patrons Who Have Taken advantage of public wireless access



## Benefitting from Technology Training

| Length of Program<br>(per hour basis) | Number of Patron<br>Training Hours | Number of Library<br>Staff Training Hours |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|
| 61.86                                 | 128                                | 59  |